

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 3752** 

PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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**FUEL INJECTION VALVE** 

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please enter the following amended claims:

(Four-times Amended) The fuel injection valve according to claim 6, wherein said elastic member is provided between a sleeve and said core in order to form said buffer portion, said sleeve being disposed between a core and a valve holder of the solenoid.

6. (Twice Amended) A fuel injection valve for opening and closing a needle valve by driving an armature with a solenoid comprising: